



ST. JAMES UNITED CHURCH

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday (9 to noon)

Sunday October 25th 2026

10:30am St. James United Church Family in Worship

22nd Sunday after Pentecost : Reformation Sunday

Worship Theme: "Take Heart – We're Almost There!"

"Spiritual Growth, Compassionate Living"

SEEKING GOD'S PEACE - WE JOURNEY TOGETHER

Prelude Music:

GOOD MORNING! Words of Welcome, Greetings and Announcements. Persons wishing to remain seated for the service may do so with our Blessing. Your presence and full participation blesses us as we gather to make our journey of faith and actions together. May this be a time of worship, praise and gathering for all of us. You are invited to join with us for refreshments and visiting in The Muriel Bridge Room after the Organ Postlude. Thanks to the people of October house for your hospitality.

Call to Worship – (Responsive)

Leader: The measure of a people's heart is this:

All God's People:

**Do we remember the sacrifices of the past;
Do we work for peace in the present; Do we
speak of hope for the future?**

Leader: And so we come now before God;

All God's People:

**To name as our dream, God's reign of Shalom,
To commit ourselves to the cause of peace,
And to remember - Let us worship God!**

Hymn of Praise VU# 625 "I Feel the Winds of God"

Prayer of Approach: (unison)

Spirit of God, with abundant dreams and an awesome imagination, transform us into instruments of Your Peace. With unconditional love toward each other, re-create us with Your Amazing Grace! Let us journey together into this experience of worship: with our words, our actions and our music. May this Community of Faith Travelers be open to the welcoming, generous Spirit of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen

SEEKING GOD'S TRUTH - WE LISTEN

Psalter **VU#805-806** Psalm 90 - Parts 1&3 **"God is Our Refuge"**

Family Hymn: **649 "Walk with Me"**

Family Focus with Rev. Barrie

Scripture Lessons:

Matthew 22:34-46 **"Love God; love your neighbor as yourself"**

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 **"We truly care for you"**

Lay Reader: October House: Gerry Hamill

Choir Anthem: **"Speak, O Lord"** - K Getty / S Townend

Message: **"Life on the Mountaintop!"**

Rev. Barrie Bain Preaching

Hymn : **VU# 371 "Open My Eyes, That I May See"**

COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS - WE RESPOND

Presentation and Dedication of the Offering

Offertory Response: **VU# 538 “For the Gift of Creation”**

Offertory Prayer (unison)

God of farmlands, towns and cities, we thank You that we have been able to support ourselves and our families in these places. Accept this portion of our living. May these gifts partner with our time, our energies of faith and compassion. May our attitude of thanks bring healing and wholeness to all of the people of God’s creation. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Hymn: **VU# 595 “We Are Pilgrims”**

Lunch Blessing and Benediction

Postlude Music:

You are invited to proceed to the Muriel Bridge Room for lunch refreshments and visiting. Thanks to the volunteers from October House for their gifts of kindness and hospitality!

For the month of October please remember those less fortunate than ourselves by donating non-perishable food items and personal hygiene products to the food bank in the boxes provided.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Frosty Fair - Nov. 14, 8:30-12. Your donations for the general store, jewellery, penny table, blind auction, knitting , surprise packages and baked goods will be needed. Items can be brought to the church anytime. For surprise packages anything is good but we are lacking in things for men.

Eising Craft Sale - Nov. 16-21. It is a week long this year
St. James Church Fundraiser - A Christmas Carol by Stephen Bourne Dec. 5 at 7:00 pm. Freewill Offering. Help will be needed for light refreshments.

Posters for all this are made and are on the shelf outside the office. Please take and pass around Norfolk County.

On line banking is Available: Donations to St. James may be made at stjamesbanking@gmail.com

The Ministry and Personnel Committee is conducting our annual staff performance reviews. We welcome feedback from the congregation, appreciation or suggestions for improvement. You can share your input with members of the committee: Ethel Hill, Jody Mahoney, and Beth Wheatley.

COUNCIL will meet on Tuesday, October 27 at 1 pm in the Muriel Bridge Room.

190th Anniversary Service - Sunday, November 22.
Guest: The Givens Family from Princeton will be offering a special Musical Presentation

Bible Reading - October 25, 2026
Reader: October House -Gerry Hamill

Matthew 22:34-46

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 'Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?' He said to him, ' "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.'

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: 'What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?' They said to him, 'The son of David.' He said to them, 'How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

"The Lord said to my Lord,

'Sit at my right hand,

until I put your enemies under your feet' "?

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?' No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully maltreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

November 2026

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1	BENEVOLENT SUNDAY	2		3	Tues/Fri Group NLR 9am Tues/Sat Group NLR 8pm	4	Heart & Soul 1-3 Sanctuary Bridge 1-4pm. MBR	5	Choir practice 7pm. Thurs Group NLR 8pm Bible Study 1:30-3pm HHS 2-3:30 - MBR Cronic Pain	6	Tues/Fri Group 9 - 11:30 - NLR	7	Dickem's Rehearsal 2pm -4 pm Friends of Library
8	REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY	9		10	Tues/Fri Group NLR 9am Tues/Sat Group Probus MBR 9-11 Amicitia MBR 7pm	11	Heart & Soul 1-3 Sanctuary Bridge 1-4pm. MBR	12	Choir practice 7pm. Thurs Group NLR 8pm Bible Study 1:30-3pm HHS 2-3:30 - MBR Cronic Pain	13	Tues/Fri Group 9 - 11:30 - NLR	14	
15	REIGN of CHRIST COMMUNION	16		17	NLR 9am Tues/Sat Group NLR 8pm	18	Heart & Soul 1-3 Sanctuary Bridge 1-4pm. MBR	19	Choir practice 7pm. Thurs Group NLR 8pm Bible Study 1:30-3pm HHS 2-3:30 - MBR Cronic Pain	20	Tues/Fri Group 9 - 11:30 - NLR	21	Dickem's Rehearsal 2pm -4 pm Friends of Library 12-5 pm
22	190th Anniversary Givens Family	23		24	Tues/Fri Group NLR 9am Tues/Sat Group NLR 8pm Church Council 1pm.	25	Heart & Soul 1-3 Sanctuary Bridge 1-4pm. MBR	26	Choir practice 7pm. Thurs Group NLR 8pm Bible Study 1:30-3pm	27	Tues/Fri Group 9 - 11:30 - NLR Dickem's Rehearsal 9am - 10 pm Performance 7pm	28	
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